



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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MAY 30, 2006

Crop Development Jumps With Rising Temperatures

Higher temperatures the past week encouraged crop development; however rainfall is needed for continued progress. Pastures are stressed as well but small grains are in fair to mostly good condition. Temperatures averaged in the 80's all week. Warm weather allowed farmers **6.4 days suitable** for field work. **Corn** planting is slightly higher than the previous year at 98 percent complete and 89 percent of the crop is emerged compared to the 75 percent five-year average. **Soybean** planting has increased to 49 percent complete due to favorable weather conditions this week.

The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** jumped remarkably to 76 percent cut and **other hay** was 67 percent cut. Both alfalfa hay and all other hay first cutting have exceeded the five-year average.

Pasture condition was rated 6 percent excellent, 45 percent good, 34 percent fair, 13 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** are 3 percent surplus, 74 percent adequate, 15 percent short, and 8 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2006 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	97	95	97	98
Barley Turned	39	8	11	37
Winter Wheat Headed	99	98	91	89
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	58	45	53	65
Cucumbers	42	39	45	40
Lima Beans (Processed)	34	27	30	30
Snap Beans	40	34	48	43
Soybeans	49	30	29	31
Sweet Corn	75	69	71	72
Tomatoes	57	48	61	72
Watermelons	54	49	55	60
Corn: Planted	98	94	88	89
Emerged	89	76	73	75
Alfalfa Hay 1 st Cutting	76	49	49	50
Other Hay 1 st Cutting	67	52	41	41
Strawberries Harvested	41	29	16	33

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2006 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	18	32	49	1
Topsoil (2005)	1	7	73	19
Five Year Average	2	9	63	26
Subsoil Moisture	15	32	52	1
Subsoil (2005)	-	5	84	11
Five Year Average	2	17	65	16

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2006

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.03	11.20	-4.77	84	42	64	-3
Easton	0.11	11.49	-3.85	81	42	62	-2
Frederick	0.13	15.28	-3.53	73	33	56	-4
Frostburg	0.06	8.28	-6.83	82	37	62	-4
Hagerstown	0.36	9.95	-7.97	82	43	62	-5
Mechanicsville	0.11	8.60	-7.51	87	48	67	1
Patuxent River	0.25	8.77	-9.32	87	42	64	-3
Ocean City	0.17	10.61	-7.13	86	38	62	-4
Salisbury	0.09	10.63	-4.71	82	35	59	-5
Sharpsburg	0.14	9.94	-6.6	82	48	64	-3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.11	11.07	-3.54	83	46	66	-5
Delaware							
Dover	0.01	10.07	-6.88	84	45	65	-3
Georgetown	0.00	7.85	-9.69	86	39	66	1
Wilmington	0.04	12.72	-3.52	84	39	63	-3

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.